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Sir Robert Falconer, President
University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada

Dear Sir Robert:-

Mr. Calvin V. Campbell, President of the University of Toronto Alumni in New York advises me that you would not be able to attend our Annual Dinner the 10th proximo, of which all our members will be much disappointed, but appreciate that you have many important duties requiring your attention in Toronto.

I do not know when Colonel Charles H. Mitchell will return from France or England, but if possible we would like very much to have him represent 'Varsity and if practicable, trust you will use your influence in this direction.

Trusting you are in good health and with kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas Hallisey

March 29th, 1919

Thomas B. Nilson, Esq.,

Nelson Point Iron Works,

Bayonne, N.J.

Dear Mr. Nilson:

I am very sorry that I cannot go to New York to attend the Annual Dinner of the Alumni on the 10th of April, but my engagements for the next few weeks are so numerous and I have lost so much time lately through illness that I simply cannot go away. I regret also that Colonel Mitchell will not be able to be with you because he will not arrive in Canada until May. I will, however, endeavour to secure some one who will take our greetings.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 31st, 1919

Mr. E. B. Alison,

Bergen Point Iron Works,

Bayonne, N.J.

Dear Mr. Alison:

This morning I have secured Professor Coultain to go down to the meeting of the Alumni in New York on the tenth of April. He has been doing wonderfully good work in connection with the rehabilitation of soldiers and has had a large committee of the University to work with him. I am sure that he will give you an interesting talk as undoubtedly the work that has been done for our soldiers is the equal of that done by any other people. He has to go to Montreal for the ninth, but could arrive in New York on the morning of the tenth. Would you give me information as to where the meeting is to be and at what hour so that I may let him know ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 7th, 1919

T. H. Allison, Esq.,

Bergen Point Iron Works,

Bayonne, N.J.

Dear Mr. Allison:

Many thanks for your kind letter. I am very glad to know that you enjoyed Professor Haultain's visit. A great work has been done by the Conscription Committee and Haultain has shown up remarkably well. I think that on the whole our handling of the returned men in Canada has been good.

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 28th, 1919

F. S. Alison, Esq.,

Bergen Point Iron Works,

Harrison, N.J.

Dear Mr. Alison:

Mr. J. J. Gibson has written to you about the Alumni War Memorial and has asked me to send you a letter setting forth in general the purposes that we have in view. Probably you will have received before this a copy of the circular that was issued by the Committee and that circular contains a full account of what we are aiming at.

The object is to have in the first place some visible memorial which by its beauty and dignity will call attention in the coming generations to the sacrifice that has been made during the war. The names of those who have fallen will also be in the memorial. In addition to the memorial we wish to have a system of scholarships providing for the education of returned men or their dependants in the next fifteen years or longer. Our hope was that we might be able to raise $500,000 for these purposes, $200,000 going to the memorial, $250,000 to scholarships and $25,000 to a lectureship. Our appeal is first to be made to graduates and those directly interested in the University. There can surely never be a more effective appeal to graduates than that of perpetuating the valour and sacrifice of the students and graduates of their own University.

It should be borne in mind that this is not a movement on the part of the University authorities. It comes from the Alumni themselves. We must at least do something so that those who come after us may know in what esteem we held the fallen and those who went forth to defend our liberties.

As yet only Toronto has been canvassed, and that in a very partial way. There are over 1000 subscribers, and we have raised about $120,000 in subscriptions. Of this amount there are two large subscriptions of $25,000 each from Sir Edmund Osler and Lt.-Colonel Leonard. It is hoped that if the Alumni generally both in Ontario and abroad will subscribe in a reasonably liberal way it should be possible for us to come within reach of what we had aimed at.

You will know as well as any one how it will be best to reach the New York graduates. As far as I am aware there are very few of them who would be able to make large subscriptions, but you may know of some whose incomes are such that they could do handsomely. It should be kept in mind however that what would be subscribed is for memorial purposes and that the University itself is not making any request of graduates for help in our direct work. This would be naturally an Alumni movement.

If I can be of any service in helping you in regard to this matter I shall be very happy to render what is in my power. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.